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Charley Gotts, president, Downtown Retail Merchants Merchants Division of the Chamber of Commerce (l-r), Del Moore KLAC television personality, Robert B. Jahn city councilman, Alex Cooper one of KLAC's (Big Five) disc jockeys and City Councilman Victor E. Benstead discuss the west's largest independent Radio Station's "Salute to Torrance" February 18-23. KLAC will "plug" Torrance 24 hours daily during the salute.

**Bank Teller Faints In Holdup Try**  
A woman bank teller thwarted a would-be robber Friday by fainting, thus unnerving the suspect who turned and fled.  
Mrs. Loretta Wells, 38, of 821 Felbar ave. was working her first day as a teller at the Bank of America.  
She was approached by a neatly dressed, bespectacled man who handed her a note, reading:  
"This is a holdup."  
The last word was underlined three or four times.  
Mrs. Wells read the note, fainting on the spot. The bandit grabbed the piece of paper and rushed from the crowded bank.



Dr. H. A. Wood

**TWO TORRANCE MEN GIVEN SCOUT HONOR**

Two Torrance men—Dr. Howard A. Wood of 1517 El Prado, and Paul Shinoda, 2716 Torrance blvd.—were among 18 Scouters receiving the coveted Silver Beaver award "for outstanding service to boyhood."

Presentations were made at the annual meeting of the Los Angeles Area Council at the Biltmore Bowl last week.  
Dr. Wood started his adult Scout career as a Scoutmaster while a medical student at Yale in 1920 and has served Scouting wherever he has been located in whatever capacity he has been needed—Scoutmaster, organization and extension and for the last two years district chairman of the Harbor District.



Paul Shinoda

Despite the fact they have no children of their own, he and Mrs. Wood have assisted in the education of 10 or more proteges and have been active in public school affairs.  
The first president of the Torrance Unified School District and an honorary life member of PTA. Dr. Wood's service was recognized by the naming of a new elementary school in his honor.

Both he and Mrs. Wood are active in the First Christian church of Torrance.  
A trained leader and holder of the Scoutmaster's Key, Shinoda has been a main stay in activities of the First Baptist church of Torrance in the Harbor District, organizing both their troop and Cub Pack serving as first leader of both units.

He has served as course leader in many subjects, vice

chairman and chairman of Harbor's training committee and trainer of that area's 1953 Jamboree contingent.  
Now Mr. and Mrs. Shinoda are starting all over again as their youngest son enters Cubbing—Paul as assistant Cubmaster and Mrs. Shinoda as Den Mother.

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